

Safe Food for Canadians Act &
Proposed Changes under the New Regulations

OBTAINING LICENSES, PERMITS, CERTIFICATES, AND MINISTERIAL EXEMPTIONS PRESENT AND FUTURE

Obtaining licenses, permits, certificates, and ministerial exemptions

Present

The [Centre of Administration \(CoA\)](#) delivers and coordinates the full range of operational administrative services required for domestic and import related permissions. This includes licenses, permits, registration, and ministerial exemptions, excluding export certification activities.

Licenses are required for cheese, fish, fresh fruit and vegetables produce license and permits. Registrations of establishments is required for various foods products, includes dairy, fish, meat and poultry. Ministerial exemptions are issued for certain foods to exempt products from the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Regulations and the Processed Products Regulations. Import permit requirements is related to live animals, aquatic animals, animal pathogens, hatching eggs, plant and plant products and their products or by-products. Registration and certification is required for wood products and wood packaging program. Permissions to move authorizations are related to provincial movement requirements on food products for labeling issues. Maple Authorizations required for the importation of regulated maple products.

Forms and applications are submitted by mail, fax or email to the Canadian Food Inspection Agency Centre of Administration or to the CFIA regional office.

Future

CFIA introduced the “My CFIA” web tool.

“[My CFIA](#)” is an online electronic services where you can view and manage your business transactions anywhere at any time. The CFIA strongly encourages all Canadian food businesses to enroll and sign up for “My CFIA” to access online services, and to be ready to meet the proposed SFCR licensing requirements when the regulations come into force.

Learn more about MY CFIA portal requirements in the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) - MY CFIA for imports and exports.

MY CFIA Secure [Online service](#) tool is gradually introducing services online. Applications for licenses, permits, registrations, export certification, permissions and authorizations available online through the MY CFIA web portal.

Learn [more](#) on the steps for the online enrollment process. Managing My Account, and service requests user guides.

Enrollment Information for Businesses provides information on the party profile model.